THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) During the three months starting from November, 2002, the foreign tourist arrival was 802966 as compared to arrival of 692379 in the corresponding period of the previous years thus registering a growth of 16 per cent.

India's share in world tourism

1351. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that CII's National Committee on tourism and heritage shows that India's share in world tourism is 0.38 per cent, it ranks 50th in the world list of international arrivals, and that its share in world tourism receipts is just 0.67 per cent;

(b) if so, what efforts are being made to substantially increase of our share of world tourism particularly in view of tourism being labour intensive it would give great fillip for creation of new jobs; and

(c) what other measures are under consideration to make India a tourist destination for the foreigners?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) At present India's share in the world tourism is around 0.38 per cent, it ranks 51st in the world international arrivals and its share in world tourism receipts is around 0.67 per cent.

(b) and (c) A series of measures to develop infrastructure with emphasis on integrated circuits, creating cultural and tourism hubs and converging elements of tourism, culture and civic governance have been initiated to enhance India's share in the global market.

Tourism destinations in Andhra Pradesh

1352. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as a part of new initiative some Centres